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TO: File

FROM: Paul Baker, Senior Reclamation Biologist

SUBJECT: Site Inspection, Chris Shumway, Factory Butte Humic Shale Mine,
S/055/006, Wayne County, Utah

Date of Inspection: January 29, 2004
Time of Inspection: About 4:00 to 4:15 p.m.
Conditions: Mostly clear, 40's
Participants: Will Stokes (SITLA) and Paul Baker, (DOGM)

Purpose of Inspection:

An inspection about a year ago found disturbance outside the permitted area as shown on the Notice of Intention. The operator subsequently said these areas had been reclaimed, and I wanted to verify that this reclamation had been done.

Observations:

The Notice of Intention indicates all mining activity should take place within the pit of the abandoned Factory Butte coal mine. When I inspected the site in December 2002, I found some disturbance in areas to the south of the mine.

We found two areas outside the pit that had been disturbed, and both had been regraded to some degree. There was still some carbonaceous shale on the surface, so it was still easy to tell where the disturbances were. There is essentially no vegetation in the area, so these disturbed areas do not need to be revegetated. We saw no indication of recent mining within the Factory Butte Mine pit. Pictures of the site are in Photos 1 through 3.

Conclusions and Recommendations:

The sites have been adequately reclaimed, and I have no further concerns about this mine at this time.

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cc: John Blake and Will Stokes (SITLA)
Chris Shumway, operator

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Photographs

S/055/006, Chris Shumway, Factory Butte Humic Shale Mine

Inspection Dated: January 29, 2004; Report Dated: March 4, 2004



Photo 1



Photo 3



Photo 2